Promotions to Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

213. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any recommendations had been made by the previous Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in respect of the promotions of Sub-Assistant Surgeons on the eve of his retirement;

(b) if the answer be in the affirmative will the Government be pleased to state what the specific recommendations were;

(c) whether the same was accepted as they were;

(d) if not, will the Government be pleased to state what modifications were made;

(e) whether such changes were made on the recommendations made by the present Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) The recommendation was to give 3 appointments in the Assistant Surgeon's grade to the Sub-Assistant Surgeons,—two for men and one for women—as an incentive to zealous work and a prize to look forward to.

(c) to (e) The question is still under consideration.

Purchase of medicines and other supplies.

214. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the total amount for which medicines and other supplies were purchased by the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer during the years 1105 and 1106 M. E. respectively;

(b) will the Government be pleased to state the names of the Firms from which the said purchases were made with the amounts and the dates noted against each purchase;

(c) does the Department call for tenders in all cases before final orders are given for the medicines and other supplies;

(d) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state why tenders are not called for in all cases;

(e) will the Government be pleased to place on the Council Table all the orders for the purchase of medicines and other supplies made in the latter half of 1106 and the year 1107 M. E. up-to-date;

(f) what is the total amount of such purchases made during that period?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—

(a) 1105—Rs. 1,09,511—14—11
1106—Rs. 1,10,652—6—3.

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